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## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below; that

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## ANIMAL SOOTHING SYSTEM WITH HEARTBEAT SIMULATION DEVICE

the specification of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of the following United States provisional application: United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/270,614, filed February 14, 2001, titled "Soothing Mechanism Insert For Pets With Heartbeat Simulation".

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I hereby appoint the following attorney and/or agent with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Ronald B. Sefrna, Registration No. 28,344, of the firm of SEFRNA & ASSOCIATES. Please change the correspondence address for the above-identified application to Ronald B. Sefrna, Sefrna & Associates, P.O. Box 567, Tyler, Texas 75710-0567, and address all correspondence regarding this application to Mr. Sefrna. Please direct telephone calls and/or fax transmissions to Mr. Sefrna at the following numbers: Telephone (903) 592-5965, Fax (903) 952-5901.

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